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Literary Exercises of Celebration

Nine Miles Square.

The "nine miles square" was purchased and settled by a self-selected company. As a community, it cut the forests, grubbed the underbrush, tilled the fields; launched first the shallop, then the sloop, and finally the ship. It was the community also that turned the trails to bridle paths, and then to wagon roads. All this it did with perseverance, in the fear of God, and with honorable self-respect. The founders and their descendants to the third generation were no mere hewers of wood and drawers of water. Who they were, we know. What they did, we can never know, in spite of far more abundant data than most towns can boast. The glory of their achievement we can well appreciate, but never can express. No address, even as eloquent and complete as that to which we have just listened, can do it, and our fathers, justice. Of someythings, however, in the past of Norwich, we are sure. We know that the figures of these fathers and mothers of ours do not bulk unduly large in retrospect, magnified by the mists of time. Mason and Tracy, Fitch; Leffingwell, and their companions, were men such as our imaginations now paint them—the outlines correct, the colors in proper tone. We must not forget that our fathers called this place a "plantation." Here they settled as a community. As a company they bought this land. The government of Engiand to them—was it a shadow, or not? Historians and lawyers can debate for days upon that subject, but there is no tribunal to determine it. But of the relations of the plantation to the colony there can be no difference of opinion. At a session October 3, 1841, Major Mason, deputy governor, presiding, the general court ordered "the secretary to write a letter to Norridge to send up a committee in May next, invested with full power to issue of the affair respecting settling that plantation under the government"; and in May foilowing the freemen frem Norwich were presented and accepted and sworn by Major Mason. The general court granted title to lands within the plantation itself. Indeed, it was

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election may be with persons having
no pecuniary interest in the result.
Well studied and general legislation
providing for larger local control of
the private affairs of local communities, and restricting the right of decision on such matters to property
owners, is today one of the greatest
needs of American cities.

The memorialists of 1783 spoke of
the "late war." We must confess that
the results of the war were not as
ruinous as the petitioners stated. To
be sure, Norwich had given freely of
her substance and men in the long contest: Samuel Huntington, in the Continental congress, at one session its
president—and some day a proper defense of that congress will be written;
it has suffered too long the sneers of
hostile critics; Joseph Trumbull, dying
for his country as loyally as if on the
battlefield; Jabez Huntington, the father, at home rushing men and supplies to the ever-changing fighting
line; and his sons, Jedediah, Joshua
and Ebenezer, in the field, and Andrew
as commissary at home—Jedediah a
brigadier general, Ebenezer a colonel,
And we must not forget Chaplain Ellis,
Colonels Durkee, Throop and Rogers;
the two captains James Hyde, Captains Nevins, Jedediah Hyde, Simeon
Huntington and Ellisha Prior, or Dr.
Turner, the beloved and untiring physician and surgeon, or the two brothers, Christopher and Benajah Leffingwell. We ought not to pass by others
equally brave and efficient; but the
name of Benjamin Huntington stands
among them almost pre-eminent. He
was not at the battlefront, but in matters of service at home, in the general
court, as agent of the town—in all
things most sensible and helpful Norwich owed him much during the Revolution, and more later.

Location a Protection.

But Norwich was protected during

Yet it is still claimed by some accepted historians that Connecticut was a confederacy of towns.

It was in 1783 that 175 freemen of the town of Norwich, then containing Boarah, Franklin, Lisbon and a pært of Preston as well, petitioned for the uptown district as a city. Their reasons were stated in their memorial as follows: "That your memorialists, from their local circumstances, are not able to gain a subsistence by agriculture: That, therefore, they have for many years past turned their attention to commerce and mechanical arts: That, during the late war they have been unfortunate in their navigation, having the greatest part captured by the enemy and burnt and destroyed by the enemy and burnt and destroyed by them when they were at New London." The memorial goes on to complain that the internal police system is defective; that good wharves and streets are lacking; and, finally, that they must have a court of their own. I shall not attempt to detail the subsequent changes in the local governments of the various parts of the subsequent changes in the local governments of the various parts of the subsequent changes in the local governments of the taste and the municipalities. Of course, Connecticut is not peculiar in this respect, but she has yielded, on the whole, more than her sister states to temptations to special legislation.

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and lived her until his enlistment for the Mexican war, and his family were parishioners of the Uptown church at the time of his death He was Aaron D Stevens. He is pictured as a man of Herculean proportions—gracely and comely. He had played a leading part in the Kansas struggle, and there had come into intimate relations with Brown. He walked to the scaffold at Charletewn in March, 1860, with as unfaunted courage as he had on many another occasion fixed death for the cause which lay nearest to his heart.

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Community Wrought Up.

These events and others coming, as they did, in rapid and overwhelming succession, had wrought the mind of the north and of this community into a fever heat. The call of the anti-slavery agitators to a redress of the wrongs of an oppressed people had reached the hearts of some. That to stay the aggressions of the slave power, and to save a vast expanse of virgin soil to freedom was earnestly heeded by others. The contest was on, and it was being waged with all the intensity and bitterness which a challenge of the rightenusness of a great and long established social institution can engender. These calls had been heard here and hereabouts, and the response had been no uncertain one. And there were not lacking effective local agencies to reinforce the growing opinion, which had brought the recently formed republican party into being, and a local leadership to give it shape and effectiveness. The Morning Bulletin had been established in December, 1858, Isaac H. Bromley was its editor. In that place of vantage he brought to the service of the cause of freedom all the enthusiasm of youth, and those rare abilities which later won for him golden laurels in the the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut at its January Session W. F. LESTER, Secretary. Norwich, Connecticut, July 3d, 1909.

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the brought to the service of the cause of freedom all the enthusiasm of youth, and those rare abilities which later won for him golden laurels in the fields of metropolitan journalism. Senator Foster resided here. He had taken his seat in the United States senate in March, 1855, and remained a member of that body until 1867, and to become its president pro lempore, and after the death of Lincoln its presiding officer. He earnestly espansed the cause of the new party, and was influential in its councils. Gov. Bdckingham resided here. He had been twice mayor and twice governor. The influence of his strong hand and personal popularity was of great service to the cause to which he attached himself heart and soul. Amos W. Prentice, whose contributions to the welfare of this town during a long and busy life were manifold and untiring, was mayor, and he was always to be found in the forefront of the advancing battle line. Here was Henry H. Starkweather, then a young man at the bar, with the provise of a bright future in his profession. His tastes soon afterward drew him aside into public service in which he remained until his death in 1876, while serving this district in his fifth term in congress. He attached himself to the fortunes of the new party with all the arder of his nature, and was ceaseless in his labors in its behalf. Dr. John P. Gulliver occupied the pulpit of the Broadway church. He was a man of marvelous power in the moulding of public opinion, and rore in his capacity for leadership. This town has seen few of his equals in that respect. He was the uncompromising foe of slavery and outspoken and persistent in his demunciation of its evils. There was gathered in his congregation an unusual group of public leaders. We are making very low prices on practically everything in our store. You ought to take advantage of the many bargains we are offering at this time. Space does not permit us to quote prices. Our goods will sell themselves on sight.

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